

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objects to the claims due to certain informalities as set forth in Section 4 of the Action. Applicants are amending claim 1 as requested.

The Examiner rejects the claims under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Chopra et al., US Patent 6,488,870 or Chopra et al., US Patent 6,492,025. In several previously filed Amendments/Responses, applicants argued that the Chopra Patents fail to anticipate the claimed invention under 35 USC 102(e). To expedite prosecution, however, applicants are concurrently submitting a "Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132" to remove the Chopra Patents as 35 USC 102(e) references.

No additional fee is believed to be required; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In view of the foregoing, the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-4292, Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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